waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Management Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

#### Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

### Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.
Title: School-level Implementation of

Education Reform and Title I. *Frequency:* One Time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,600. Burden Hours: 1,680.

Abstract: This study is being conducted to support the legislative requirement in P.L. 103–382, Section 1501 to assess the implementation of Title I and education reform. This study will examine principals' perceptions of education reform and Title I and will review school-level documents for evidence of education reform activities.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development; Notice of Program Interest, Building a Sustainable Future: Small Grant Program for Capacity Building Activities in Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of program interest (notice).

**SUMMARY:** On December 21, 1994, 72 urban and 33 rural communities were designated as Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities by the Clinton Administration as part of a program to assist impoverished communities (this includes Supplemental Empowerment **Zones and Enhanced Enterprise** Communities, all referred to as EZ/EC's in this document). In applying for EZ/ EC designation, communities had to address four key principles: Economic Opportunity, Sustainable Community Development, Community-Based Partnerships, and Strategic Vision for Change. The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, in conjunction with its Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD), will consider proposals from interested EZ/EC's to help fund capacity building projects and/or activities specific to the Sustainable Community Development objectives of their implementation efforts. Funding can be used to assist communities in pursuing capacity building projects or activities such as economic renewal training, design charrettes, industrial ecology training, visioning exercises, land-use planning techniques, and economic studies of the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy on jobs and the environment.

## **Availability of Notice**

DOE expects to issue the Notice on May 30, 1997. To obtain a copy of the Notice, interested parties may (1) visit the CESD Homepage "FLASH" section at http://www.sustainable.doe.gov, (2) write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development, Attention Ken Snyder, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401 or (3) fax a request to Ken Snyder at (303)275-4830. Telephone requests for the notice will not be granted. To be considered for fiscal year 1997 money, applications must be post-marked no later than Wednesday, July 2, 1997. Depending on availability of funds, FY1998 projects will be selected in two rounds with applications due on January 15 and May 15, 1998. For more information on this and future rounds, contact Ken Snyder via fax (303)275-4830 or email:

kenneth.snyder@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of this program is to provide small grants through an application process restricted to EZ/EC's to help communities: (1) Develop comprehensive sustainable development plans and/or (2) address specific problems in the implementation

of their sustainable development plans. In short, sustainable development refers to development strategies that integrate the goals of environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well-being.

#### **Restricted Eligibility Notice**

- Applications must be submitted by an eligible applicant and the project or activity must be conducted in one of the 105 currently designated Federal Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities. Any non-profit or nonfederal public organization (501(c)(3) non-profit or State, City, County or Town office) can apply. Organizations/offices can sub-contract with any non-profit or for-profit organization for specific services.
- If applicant does not represent the main authorized Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community implementing office, a letter of support from that office is needed as part of the application process.

Additional requirements will be described in the solicitation.

Issued in Golden, CO on May 23, 1997.

#### Dennis Maez,

Procurement, Denver Regional Support Office.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2604-000]

# Applied Resources Integrated Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

May 27, 1997.

Take notice that on May 12, 1997, Applied Resources Integrated Services, Inc. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 6, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on